

WILLIAM KINDRED WINECOFF

Award-winning political economist with expertise in complex business <-> government networks, growth modeling, and risk analysis. Published in high-impact peer-reviewed and public-facing outlets, winner of significant grant funding. Experienced manager and mentor. Skilled communicator in traditional, online, and social media.

Professional Experience

Rutgers University, New Brunswick

2025-present

Lecturer, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy

Indiana University Bloomington

2013-2023

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science

2021-23

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science

2019-23

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

2013-19

Core faculty: National Science Foundation Research Traineeship dual PhD program in Complex Networks and Systems. Affiliated faculty: IU Network Science Institute, Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Institute for European Studies, Russian and East European Institute.

Research

Supported by the National Science Foundation (**Grant #2017652**, \$449,567) to construct and analyze a “big” (billions of observations) global dataset on the connections between business and politicians.

Award-winning record of peer-reviewed publications in leading academic journals and presses in business economics, international relations, network analysis, and political science (see **academic cv** and **Google Scholar**).

Edited an award-winning special issue of the peer-reviewed *Business and Politics on Property Rights, Financial Risk, and the Politics of a Networked Global Financial System* (vol. 17, issue 3, Cambridge University Press), and the *Handbook of the International Political Economy of Monetary Relations* (Edward Elgar Publishing).

PhD-level quantitative skills (frequentist, Bayesian, complex networks), database generation/management, economic modeling, and computational social science.

Workflow in R (advanced), Stata (advanced), L^AT_EX (advanced), Python (intermediate), and productivity tools (Tableau/PowerBI, Teams/G-Suite, Slack, Wordpress, etc) including LLMs.

Elite communicator of research findings to non-specialists, demonstrated by public-facing publications and engagement (in-person, online, social, text, audio/visual).

Substantial experience in all conference and workshop roles (presenter, discussant, chair, organizer). Invited speaker in many settings in North America and Europe.

Analytical Media

Skilled applicator of research findings to current events, with bylines in *The Washington Post* [1,2,3], *Foreign Policy* [1,2], *The National Interest*, and other popular outlets.

Additional extensive research and policy blogging, with hundreds of posts referenced in outlets including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Economist*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Foreign Policy*, *Reuters*, *Slate*, etc.:

Bespoke Human Content (2025-) is my current thought-dump.

Duck of Minerva (2015-18) is the longest-running independent international relations blog. In addition to writing analytical posts, created, organized, and edited the **World Politics in a Time of Populist Nationalism** series, and a **symposium on business power in the global economy**.

The Fair Jilt (2013-15) was a liberal arts group blog started with colleagues in the fields of history, law, literature, philosophy, political theory, and sociology.

IPE @ UNC (2008-13) was a group blog of researchers in the field of International Political Economy at the University of North Carolina.

Award-winning online media engagement. On Twitter, @whinecough won the **2017 Duckie Award for Best Twitter Account in International Studies** (Account with thousands of followers deleted by Elon).

Management

Indiana University, Director of Political Science Graduate Studies (2021-23). Responsible for admissions, funding decisions & budgeting, PhD curriculum, student progress, graduation, and placement assistance. Managed small staff and budget. Supervised PhD student-workers in their roles as research and teaching assistants, and oversaw day-to-day operations of all departmental graduate programs. Negotiated with College/campus officials over funding levels. Successfully recruited two full PhD cohorts during a pandemic and extreme budget austerity. Developed and led professionalization seminars.

Chaired departmental Personnel Committee (yearly faculty evaluations, tenure & promotion decisions), and served on departmental Executive Committee (teaching assignments, policymaking).

Created and convened the IUB World Politics Research Seminar. Organized research talks and workshops with a wide range of participants (faculty, practitioner, student).

Directly supervised dozens of research and teaching assistants, covering a wide range of work including data collection, data analysis, case studies, research writing, conference presentations, lecture preparation, and grading.

Chair of the International Studies Association Online Media Caucus (2019-20; previously Vice-Chair and Officer). Formed research panels for annual meeting, managed the budget, maintained social media accounts, chaired the awards committee for online media in international studies.

Editor of publications from university presses and trade publishers to critical magazines, covering academia, culture, economics, music, politics, and research.

Mentorship & Pedagogy

Experienced instructor at all tertiary levels (introductory undergraduate to advanced PhD), covering courses in International Political Economy, International Relations, Political Methodology, Public Policy, and more specialized topics. Communicated complex concepts, empirics, and skills to students from a range of backgrounds, gave actionable feedback on written, verbal, and empirical work.

Supportive mentor, helping students and early-career professionals refine skills and begin building professional networks. Chair of three PhD committees; member of more than a dozen PhD committees. Chair and/or member of several dozen committees at levels of Masters of Arts / 2nd-year PhD review / undergraduate Honors.

Additional formal and informal mentoring via research collaborations, professionalization seminars, workshops, and committees.

Leader on DEIJ initiatives (2017-23) on the IUB Faculty Council (campus-wide elections, served on DEI sub-committee) and within my department. Chair of first Political Science DEIJ committee, drafted departmental DEIJ statement (adopted by faculty vote, included student input in the drafting process).

Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2013. Ph.D., Political Science.

International Relations and Political Methodology

Dissertation: *The Political Economy of Global Banking*

2010. M.A., Political Science.

M.A. Thesis: "Bank Regulation, Macroeconomic Management, and Monetary Incentives in OECD Economies"

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

2007. B.A., Economics (minor in Political Science).

Specializations: Financial Economics, International Economics.

Honors Thesis: "Effects of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 on Income Distribution in the U.S."